**Greek Orthodox Church**

1. Details of split from the Church

*The original church was called the Catholic Orthodox Church or Universal Truth. The Greek Orthodox Church and Roman Catholic Church split in 1054. It was mainly the Roman Catholics fault since they changed the original creed which they agreed upon in the first Nicene council and claimed papal infallible over the other patriarchs.*

2. Major Beliefs

* ***Baptism-*** *Orthodox Christians believe* [*baptism*](http://christianity.about.com/od/faqhelpdesk/f/whatisbaptism.htm) *is the initiator of the salvation experience. The Orthodox Church practices baptism by full immersion*
* ***Eucharist-*** *The* [*Eucharist*](http://christianity.about.com/od/faqhelpdesk/f/whatiscommunion.htm) *is the centre of worship in the Orthodox Church. Eastern Orthodox Christians believe that during the Eucharist believers partake mystically of Christ's body and blood and through it receive his life and strength.*
* ***Jesus Christ-*** *Orthodox Christians believe that* [*Jesus Christ*](http://christianity.about.com/od/newtestamentpeople/p/jesuschrist.htm) *is the second person of the Trinity, God's Son, fully divine and fully human*
* ***Salvation-*** *Orthodox Christians believe salvation is a gradual, life-long process by which Christians become more and more like Christ.*
* ***The trinity-*** *Orthodox Christians believe there are three persons in the Godhead, each divine, distinct and equal*
* ***Holy Spirit-*** *Orthodox Christians believe that the* [*Holy Spirit*](http://christianity.about.com/od/topicalbiblestudies/a/whoisholyspirit.htm) *is one of the persons of the* [*Trinity*](http://christianity.about.com/od/glossary/g/trinitydoctrine.htm)*, who proceeds from the Father and is one in essence with the Father.*

3. Differences between these beliefs and the Roman Catholic Church

* [***Baptism***](http://christianity.about.com/od/faqhelpdesk/f/whatisbaptism.htm) *- Catholics believe that Baptism is a sacrament that regenerates and justifies, and is usually done in infancy*
* ***The Bible*** *- Catholics believe that truth is found in the Bible, as interpreted by the church, but also found in church tradition.*
* ***Forgiveness of Sin*** *- Catholics believe forgiveness of sin is achieved through church ritual, with the assistance of a priest in confession*